GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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Use of Choppers to Ferry VIPs from Delhi Airport
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether aviation experts have emphatically suggested the use of choppers to ferry VIPs from Delhi airport to tackle the problem of jams caused as a result of such movements on Delhi roads and have recommended the expansion and strengthening of chopper services of the Government owned Pawan Hans Limited which have elite group of pilots and persons of outstanding calibre in operations at Safdarjung airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has also been suggestion from aviation analysts to put Safdarjung airport to the optimum use for the purpose with which its vast expanse can handle multiple helicopter movements simultaneously and it takes less than ten minutes to reach important destinations like Race Course or Parliament House from Safdarjung airport; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter in larger public interest?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) No, Madam.;

(b) Does not arise.;

(c) & (d) No, Madam. However, presently the helicopter operation for passenger movement is not permitted from Safdarjung Airport.